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Windmill Art showcases local talent

WINDMILL Art, at the end of Long Lane, Linton is opening the doors of the 1836 tower windmill for the Wood Wind Fire art exhibition by four exciting artists. The exhibition will be open from 11am-6pm on 18th, 19th and 20th November.

Tony White (www.tonewhite.com) is a painter and printmaker combining interests as an artist, biologist and musician. His work explores line, shape, colour and textural combinations and he has works in collections worldwide from boardrooms to restaurants.

David T Waller (www.davidtwaller.com) studied sculpture at Cheltenham Art School, and he employs a variety of mediums and tech-

niques from both fine art and freeform approaches to the subject. His work embraces human, natural, organic, abstract and mechanical influences and he enjoys the intensely physical process and intimate relationship with the medium, the tools, his ideas and senses. Each work is unique.



Tony White's Olea

Tereza Votre (www.terezavotre.co.uk) is a Linton based bespoke jeweller and silversmith from an artistic family in the south of Brazil. She is inspired by the carpentry of her father and the seamstress work of her grandmother. Trained at JASSO and qualified in Jewellery and Silversmithing at the Sir John



Beautiful wood items crafted by Jeremy Nicholls

Cass School of Art, London, her work is dedicated to the creation of unique statements and architectural items of jewellery in silver, gold and platinum using gemstones often sourced from Brazil. Her work is often commissioned and also available for sale at Windmill Art.

Jeremy Nicholls (www.jeremynicholls.info) makes jewellery boxes, mirrors, small tables and other items in wood, decorated with original paintings on metal leaf. His work is inspired by ordinary things and he makes them

extraordinary. He is a member of Cambridge Open Studios and a regular participant in high quality craft shows.

Windmill Art is looking forward to seeing you there. Any artists wishing to exhibit at the venue for the 2012 Cambridge Open Studios please contact Conrad Webb before December at windmillartexhibitions@gmail.com or 07931 372110. There is also a regular blog <http://windmillartexhibitions.blogspot.com>, a Facebook Page www.facebook.com/WindmillArt and Twitter @WindmillArt

David Waller's Wing of desire



Jewellery by Tereza Votre

Pictures and article supplied by Conrad Webb

Can you help the skate-boarders to beat the vandals?



The damage may not look much but is still a crime and devastating to the skate-boarders

Picture supplied by the Parish Council

DO you remember that wonderful Saturday of 1st October when everyone enjoyed the so-called Indian summer?

The skate-ramp in the recreation ground – recently repaired by the parish council at a cost of over £8,000 – was in constant use. The next morning a large scorchmark was found to have burned through layers of wood on the ramp to create a dangerous patch in the centre.

However, refusing to be beaten by the mindless yobs, within 24 hours Stuart Crook, a leader of the Linton skateboard group, cut out and replaced the scorched wood and had the ramp back in use later that day.

Police now have a definite time for when the damage occurred – CCTV shows four youths starting the fire at about 8.15pm.

One youth was considerably taller than the others, about 6ft 2in and of very slim build. Police think the youths are aged between 13 and 18. They are particularly interested in speaking to a man walking a large black dog at around 9pm who would have passed these youths.

Will anyone with any information please contact PCSOs Leanne Fisher and Chris Pulley at linton.npt@cambs.pnn.police.uk or call 0345 4564564.

Following the damage, a trench for security lighting and CCTV cables has been dug but help is now needed to raise the funds to pay for it.

Will you support the skaters in the fight to beat vandals?

LVC

Help us to say thanks to Brownie leader Linda

WE are sad to announce that Linda Bird, who has been a Girlguiding Brownie leader at 1st Linton Brownies, has decided it is time to retire from leading.

She has been a part of this wonderful voluntary work for many years and is retiring at Christmas.

Linda has put much of herself into planning and

leading the weekly Brownie sessions on a Monday. The many girls who have attended Brownies have been encouraged and benefited from her leadership and creativity.

We would like to thank Linda for all she has done for the Brownies and so 1st Linton Brownies are hosting a Christmas party from

6pm-7.30pm on Monday 5th December at Linton Infant School.

If you were a Brownie with Linda (Mrs Bird) and would like to thank her for the incredible impact she has made on many young girls, we would love it if you would come to this special reunion of Brownies young and old. There will

be games for Brownies of all ages as well as festive refreshments. The more who attend, the better the celebration. To help with catering please let me know if you can come. If you have any questions, call me on 892668 or email: jesswest@gmx.com

Jess West
(assistant leader)

Let's get cooking in aid of Children in Need



AT Linton Village College, on Friday 18th November, there will be a great bake-off followed by the Great Linton Tea Party at 2.15pm where you will have the chance to try the baked goods.

Any age can enter the baking competition in any of the categories: Victoria sponges, fruit cakes, scones, small buns, biscuits/shortbread/cookies, bread, pizzas and flapjacks. Everyone should be able to find something to excel at in the above list.

Winners will be announced at 3.15pm and with entry costing only 50p per entry you could enter all categories for only £4.

For more information or an entry form please contact the college on 891233 or lintonvc@lvc.org

LVC

Chloe wants your signature

FOLLOWING the latest fatalities on the A1307 at the Dean Road crossroads, local youngster Chloe Banks has set up a petition to, hopefully, put in a roundabout at the crossing, together with average speed cameras along the A1307 route. You can help Chloe achieve her aim by signing her petition at the Co-op, doctors' surgery or Boyz 2 Men.

Please help.

LNT

Too good for jumble...

NEW items on offer include a pine kitchen table 3ft wide 4ft 6in long with extending flap to seat eight; a steel office safe 25in high x 18in wide x 14.5in deep, very heavy; a patio heater and two matching easy chairs in green velvet-like fabric. Sewing machine Alfa Z233 with zig zag.

The Dell full-size keyboards and mouses (or mice) and the beech coloured computer work station on wheels, three shelves (one pull-out) are still available.

Wanted: A baby's cot please.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please phone Kate France 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

NB The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA THANKA

This month we are delighted to have a positive rant in response to some of the negative ones in the past. If you have something to say please let us know. Contact details at the top of page 3

OKAY, so sometimes it's great to have a moan and to get things off our chest. But instead of having a rant about things that people do around here that upset us, how about having a think about the things and people in Linton that are good? Can we change the Granta Ranta into the Granta Thanka?

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to the man who keeps our village clean. I'm really sorry that I don't know your name. Personally, I'd like to thank you for clearing up the slippery leaves from the paths in autumn and the rubbish in Camping Close over the summer.

Next, I would like to thank everyone in the village who gives their time freely for various clubs and activities, the children's clubs especially, as we've made use of these over the years. Also the clubs for adults and those who run groups for those less fortunate than ourselves. Our village would be a lot less exciting without you all.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who lives in the village for making it the wonderful place that it is. Yes, some of us have irritating habits, some of us are annoying, some of us may do things that are stupid or even dangerous. But overall we are a good community and we should remember that. And if we don't like the way something is done, then perhaps we should do something about it, rather than sit and complain.

Celebrating a marvellous 101 years



Grace enjoying her birthday party

Picture supplied by Margaret Jocelyn

GRACE Moore celebrated her 101st birthday on 30th October at Nichols Court with a party for friends and residents organised by her daughter, Margaret Jocelyn.

Grace was one of the first residents to move into Nichols Court from her bungalow in Granta Vale, where she had lived independently for 22 years. She says the residential home is a very good place to be, convenient for her daughter and grandchildren to visit. She has made friends and the staff are very kind and helpful.

To keep healthy Grace says she is happy to drink a glass of red wine each day, which she says is carrying out her doctor's orders.

Kate France

We are now Conkers



Delighted children's centre staff members. From left Emma Selin, Tina Hickey and Theresa Bateman

Picture by Theresa Bateman

WE are pleased to announce that our brand new premises at the Cathodeon Centre are now open. Together with the new building we also have a new name – we are delighted to be called Conkers Children's Centre.

Conkers offers help to families who have children under five in the Linton area with any enquiries they may have about education, health services, childcare and returning to work, local groups or family issues.

If you haven't already seen it, call in for a copy of our programme showing our weekly groups and activities. There will also be a first aid course starting at 6.30pm on 28th November (contact us first to book a place) and speech & language drop-ins at 9.30am on 2nd November and 14th December. All activities are free of charge.

We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like further information on the Children's Centre and what we do then please do call us on 893594 or 475 921 or email lintonchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Marion Lesniak

11-11-11

For them, for now, forever

THIS is a once in a lifetime Remembrance Day and a special moment to remember those who fell, and recognise those returning home injured and traumatised 90 years of the Royal British Legion. It is quite incredible to think how much has changed in that time and how much the Legion has grown.

Over the next 10 years the Legion has contributed over 50 million pounds towards the running costs of four personnel recovery centres and a Battle Back centre. They are working in partnership with the MOD and Help for Heroes to make sure they are up and running to provide our wounded, injured and sick service personnel all the time and space they need to recover. The centres also help to rebuild confidence and self-esteem, and retrain and help develop new skills for life by focussing on individual needs.

Because this year is a doubly special Remembrance Day we will be remembering those who were willing to lay down their lives at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month. With our national poppy appeal campaign about to begin we need your help.

Could you join one of our team of collectors helping provide as many opportunities as possible for people to wear a poppy and show their support? With your help we can make sure it is a great success. To join the team call the local organiser Laurence Kidman and leave your contact details.

The Service of Remembrance will be at 2.30pm on 13th November at St Mary's Church.

Laurence Kidman 892875



Calling all villagers



WE are trying to re-energise the school lunchtime clubs at the infant school. Through the school council, the children have said they are keen to try out new things and follow up some long-term interests. We would like to invite all members of the village who think they have 30 minutes to spare once a week from 12.30 to 1 pm. You may feel able to run a reading club, board games sessions, playground games, cooking, craft sessions, knitting, music, movie club, gardening, collecting, scrap book – anything that you are interested in.

The clubs will run on a half term rota, so you only need to commit to six or seven 30 minute sessions. If you can help, you will need a brief CRB check, which is done through school and is a quick process. We welcome both young and old at school and would love to use this chance for you to meet the next generation of local children.

We hope you can help. For further information or to volunteer please contact me.

Louise Clark 891421
Sent on behalf of the school council

Unity made of bread

LINTON CE Infant School is a values-based school. September's value, unity, brings us together at the start of a new academic year. It is a time of excitement and hope of what will be but this year I had a new experience. I had the great pleasure of attending an assembly at the junior school early in September and was met by a sea of smiling faces who were pleased to see me, as well as showing how well they have settled in their new school. Two weeks later I returned to lead an assembly for the Year 3 and Year 4 children; the theme of unity stretches across the two schools at this time and although we were coming to the end of this focus I continued with this familiar theme. It was during this assembly it hit me just how much you miss individual talents and skills that make up your school when the children move. Of course we welcome new children and their families but three years allows you to build such strong relationships built on these values and then when changes happens it leaves a space. It is a loss which I have never felt so much until this moment. How did this feeling come about? The assembly focussed on a loaf bread, the crumbs all joined in unity to make a loaf. Each volunteer that came to the front took a chunk of bread, each chunk was the same in the fact that it was bread, but each chunk looked different in size and shape. The chunks of course can be re-constructed to make a whole again, but if a crumb was lost it would not be the same as the original loaf. Our school is completely made up of children and adults, each one different in size, shape, gifts and talents. Over three years we all get to know one another and by the time a child gets to Year 2 you know who to ask to take a message reliably, who will help you solve your computer problem, who will be happy to speak out in audience, or who will find that thing you lost.

In September your school is still a school but it looks and feels as if something is missing. I am sure the children will have similar feelings around change and loss so I am pleased with the new initiatives we have implemented during the last year and will continue to embellish in future years, so this feeling may be less so. The new children within our school have settled well and their individual characters and special abilities are already beginning to shine through and the school is united in its main aim of being happy and achieving. I have no doubt that the Year 3s have settled well and the Linton Heights community are already uncovering the special and unique characters who used to make our school a unit but now make their's one. I look forward to seeing the Year 3s again and although they are no longer part of our unit they will continue to be happy and achieve well.

Louise Clark

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Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested

A USA connection

Dear Editor,
My name is Judith Petche and I live in the USA. The reason I am writing to you is that I am trying to find a friend of mine. When I was friends with her she was Margaret Peyton and she lived in Balsham. Margaret went to Linton village college and she finished school in 1968 or 1969.
Both Margaret and myself worked at CIBA in Duxford. Margaret would now be in her middle 50s. I'm sorry to say that we have lost contact over the years. I don't know if Margaret ever married so cannot tell you her married name. I do remember that she was dating a local lad named Des, who used to own an old Zephyr car which he had done up. Also Margaret's family had horses. When Margaret and I were working together at CIBA I lived in Sawston. My maiden name was Roberts.
Judith A Petsche McGregor, Iowa USA
If you have any information about this please could you contact the postmaster at Linton post office.

A letter from an unhappy local resident

Dear Editor,
I wonder if anyone else in Linton has suffered from sleep deprivation recently by the ever increasing noise emanating from Camgrain? If other Linton residents have heard the noise and assumed it is vehicle noise from the A1307, please do not be misled.
Over 20 years ago my father, who for professional occupational reasons needed to have uninterrupted sleep, complained bitterly about the Camgrain development and the long term effect it would have on Linton in years to come. How right he was.
Sleep deprivation is the condition of not having enough sleep; it can be either chronic or acute. A chronic sleep-restricted state can cause fatigue, daytime sleepiness, clumsiness and weight loss or weight gain. It adversely affects the brain and cognitive function.

As there is a long-running dialogue already in place with Camgrain, SCDC, Linton parish council and Linton residents with very well documented evidence of the noise levels and the complaint processes undertaken with SCDC, I will not, for the purpose of conciseness re-address all these issues here. However I would like to raise one point.

Why was this exact location deemed suitable for an industrial site of this nature? As part of the planning processes, surely it would have been evident that by building on this location, upwind of the village, noise pollution for the Linton residents would simply be exacerbated by the prevailing southwesterly winds.

The real purpose of my letter is to implore those affected to act. Write to Camgrain, SCDC, Linton parish council and explain how this industrial site is not only impacting on the enjoyment of living in Linton, but impacting on our everyday lives.

Taken directly from the home page of Camgrain Linton APC:

"Every opportunity to add value to member's crops is capitalised on".

I think this statement is evident if you take the time to walk through the site as we did recently. I truly think you would be horrified by the size of this industrial plant and the apparent scant lack of noise abatement remedies in place and in force, maybe indeed adding value, but at our cost.

What can we do? Make some noise too, but in a dignified, eloquent, correct manner and shame this company into doing what is morally right. We all deserve it.
Jane Larcombe, address supplied

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OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,
Many thanks to all who came to our Macmillan biggest coffee morning ever, in September, and our Arthur Rank tea at three in October, at Mays Avenue community hall, Balsham. Both events were a great success. The Macmillan coffee morning raised £310 and the Arthur Rank tea £410. We really do appreciate all who contributed so very generously to these special fundraising events.
Mays Avenue Coffee Club

Two volunteer organisers are bowing out, can you help?

Dear Editor,
May I bring to the notice of your readers that this will be my last year organising the Poppy appeal in Linton and Hadstock. Thank you to all those who helped me in the past, the schools, shops, pubs and other establishments, it has been much appreciated. Is there a willing person to take on this important role to help a worthy cause? I will help as much as possible to arrange a smooth changeover.
Laurence Kidman 892875



Above, Kerri with some of her helpers, below, some of the many supporters

Pictures supplied by Kerri Harmer

Dear Editor,
I would like to say a huge thank you to those who took part in the Macmillan world's biggest coffee morning on Friday 30th September. A total of £512 was raised for Macmillan Cancer support.

The village hall was full, creating a great atmosphere. It is amazing that simply enjoying a cup of coffee and sampling delicious cakes whilst catching up with friends can make a difference to people affected by cancer. Events like ours in Linton took place across the UK. The money raised goes towards providing practical, medical and financial support to people living with cancer.

As this will be my last year organising the event I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped on the day, provided raffle donations and making such lovely cakes this year and over the last five years. I couldn't have done it without them. I would also like to thank the local Co-op for their support over the last six years and again Rhyme and Rhythm music group who donated £52 towards the total.

We have raised nearly £3,000 over the last six years and the event has grown year on year. If anyone would like to take over organising the village event please contact me or book the hall with the parish council and contact Macmillan Cancer Support direct.

Kerri Harmer kerriharmer@totalise.co.uk



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Details of items in bold type may be found elsewhere in this edition.

WEEKLY		
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays		VH
Pilates classes, 11.15 - 12.15pm, Mondays		VH
Chestnut baby/toddler group, 9.30-11.30am Mondays term time		CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays		Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)		
WEA, 10am Tuesdays		VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays		CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays		LVC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays		CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays		VH
Junior choir, 6pm-6.45pm Tuesdays		St Mary's
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays		CC
Linton children's centre, call 07768 008919		CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only		VH
Storytime, 2.15-2.45pm Wednesdays (term time only)		Library
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays		VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays		VH
The karate club, 5.15-6.15pm, Thursdays		VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays		CP
Buffy bus, 11am-12.15pm Fridays		Ashdon Baptist church
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays		CC
For sports centre courses please call Linton village college sports centre on 890248		

NOVEMBER

5	Bonfire Night, 6pm	Camping Close
5	Trampoline workshop, 10am-12.30pm	LVC
5	Farmers' Market, 9.30am	LVC
5	Mother's Union toys and book sale, 11.30am	VH
6	Minuet to Mazurka talk, 3pm	CP
7	Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
7	WI Talk by Graham Higgins, 7.30pm	VH
8	Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
8	VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
12	Trampoline workshop, 10am-12.30pm	LVC
12	Lifedrawing & Portraiture workshop, 10am-4pm	LVC
15	Historical society, 7.30pm	VH
16	CAMTAD hearing help, 9.30am	Health Centre
17	Autumn shopping event, 3pm	Great Abington school
17	Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
17	ACEs lunch with speaker, 12.30pm	CP
18-20	Windmill Art, 6-10pm	
19	Sugarcraft for Christmas workshop, 10am-2pm	LVC
19	Writing for publication workshop, 10am-4pm	LVC
19	Floristry workshop, 10am-4pm	LVC
19	Digital photography workshop, 10am-4pm	LVC
19	Colour, style & makeup workshop, 10am-1pm	LVC
19	Linton music society concert, 7.30pm	LVC
21	Mothers' Union AGM, 8pm	CP
22	Blood donor session	VH
25	Fashion show, 7.30pm	Infant School
28	First aid course, 6.30pm	CC

DECEMBER

1	Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
3	Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
3	Granta Playgroup Christmas fair, 2pm	Infant School
5	1st Brownies Christmas party, 6-7.30pm	Infant School
11	Xmas Factor, 7pm	St Mary's

Library times: Monday Closed; Tuesday 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm; Wednesday 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; Thursday Closed; Friday 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; Saturday 10am-12noon.

Refuse collection: 7th, 21st November & 5th December

Recycling collection: 14th & 28th November

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall

For future issues of the Linton News please note

FOR this month only we have been forced to increase the LN to 8 pages to catch up with a huge backlog. In future if your article is not time dependant and we do not have the space I am afraid it will be left out, also, Linton articles will, as always, have preference. All articles are now limited to 250 words to let everyone have a fair chance at getting theirs into the paper.

We do try to put as many articles as possible into the paper, sadly often leaving out the pictures, which give the paper much of its appeal.

Please bear this in mind when writing your articles

Editor

Click then duck ... owl approaching



Caught on the wing ... an owl in flight is frozen in time by a camera club member who almost got too close

OUR annual exhibition was on a beautiful day in October. This year we had around 230 new photographs, and everyone said the standard had just got better and better with every exhibition. Once again the variety was diverse, with many wildlife subjects and scenes from across the globe.

As usual, we had a free

entrance draw where each visitor chose their favourite photograph and three people were lucky enough to win their choice in a frame.

The winners were Margaret Whipps, who chose Dandelion seeds by Sheila Rantle, Mr Gould, whose choice was Old Pier, Brighton by Tracey Wilson, and Ray Jones who chose

Malham, by Cherry Heywood-Jones.

The most requested photograph was Click then duck ... by Hilary Schneider, which was of an owl in full flight coming straight towards the camera lens. Hilary told us that the owl's wing had actually brushed her head when it flew over her. Well done to her.

Thanks to the local traders who contributed raffle prizes, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society. The refreshments (including home-made cakes) were well received, as was the greetings card selection, part of Maureen Williams' annual sale table.

Our next Monday club night

Picture taken by Hilary Schneider

at 7.15pm on 7th November in the Cathodeon centre, will be a troubleshooting session run by the more experienced club members, along with a still life competition for full members. Theme for the evening is gravestones. Check www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk for future events.

Tracey Wilson 891988

A taste of rural life for the ACES

THE ACES meeting on 10th October had a truly rural feel.

There were vegetable soups, local bread and cheeses and a presentation by John Terry of The Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT) – not to mention the wildlife and the sounds of heavy-duty gardening outside.

CRT has an array of farms covering most types of agriculture – arable, low input sheep and beef rearing, dairy farming, heath, woodland, pastures, hay meadows, traditional orchards and even sheep dog training.

These working farms promote sympathetic farming methods to produce quality food while restoring landscapes to protect wildlife and preserve the countryside.

The talk sparked many memories and is linked to much else that happens or is planned around Linton (tree/hedge planting, community orchards, allotments, local food, etc).

The speaker's witty and charming talk proved the benefit to people of living in harmony with nature.

We hope to run a coach trip to one of the farms next year to see their work in action, as they have demonstrations and encourage community involvement.

So, get your wellies ready and brace yourself for a ride on their tractor-cart.

The next meeting will be fish and chips at the church pavilion starting at 12.30pm on Thursday 17th November.

Dr Lynne Broughton is returning to give another talk on an aspect of church history – remember how she showed us how to read a church? Fascinating stuff.

All of our elders are welcome to join us – contact 891069 if you need a lift.

Enid Bald

Biking dads do it for charity

ON Saturday the 21st May an 11-strong posse of Linton dads assembled in Epping Forest with the sole intention of cycling back to the village cross-country style on their mountain bikes, in the name of charity.

The route was carefully chosen to encompass as much off-road cycling as possible, combined with a network of B roads. The ride would stretch for 72 kilometers from Epping Forest and on through Hatfield Heath, Stansted, Debden, Saffron Walden, Hadstock and finally Linton.

The Dangerous Dads, an enigmatic title (and one not fully understood even by those involved), raised a total of £1,896 which will be split between the Granta and Chestnut playgroups this year.

A total of more than £4,000 has been raised by the Dangerous Dads over the past three years for local causes.

Training for the event for most has involved regular outings on a Thursday evening for a 10-mile cross-country ride, using



A couple of Dangerous Dads line up with the playgroup children

Picture supplied by Paul Orton

bridleways and roads, finishing at one of the many fine pubs for some rehydration (soft drinks and crisps only, honest).

With training in hand, some of the sections of the course were ridden to check suitability and difficulty. Stopping points were planned for drinks and food and a support car was always on hand in case of mechanical or

possibly physical break-down, although I have to report there were no major incidents, just one puncture and a lot of weary riders at the finish.

There was a great welcome party of family and friends waiting at the Dog and Duck for their return, and quite a few soft drinks and packets of crisps were consumed.

Many thanks for the kind donations for the village causes, namely the Granta and Chestnut playgroups. We would also like to thank all those who participated in the ride and all those behind the scenes who helped enormously on the big day. It was very much needed and appreciated.

Paul Orton

Supper time for ladies

THE WI ladies certainly knew how to provide a delicious variety of food for our bring and share harvest supper.

Salads, pastries, vegetarian delicacies followed by a lovely selection of desserts and cheeses, and of course the odd glass of wine or fruit juice.

After dates of a stroll and lunch for October were given and correspondence read, we were soon able to tuck into the welcome supper.

We are fortunate to have within the group three ladies from the County Federation amateur dramatic society, so after we had eaten, we were entertained by Margaret Clark, Tricia Lewis and Gill Page with some very funny and naughty ditties and poems under the heading of Around the British Isles.

At the next meeting on 7th November, there will be a talk by Graham Higgins entitled *Memories of a Factory Inspector*. Guests and new members welcome.

Cynthia Norris

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Double delight: two of Linton's lovely gardens

Pictures by Ron Pitkin



Thirteen brave souls show us their gardens

THE gardening club's new season started with the AGM. The chairman's report, show report and details of the programme of talks planned for this season showed it has once again been a busy and successful year for the club.

Once the AGM business was concluded the club was treated to a Whose Garden? quiz prepared by Ron Pitkin. Ron must have spent much of the year in other people's gardens to have produced such lovely photographs of them through the seasons.

Despite this, we saw he managed to keep his own looking

incredibly tidy as well.

Thank you to those who bravely let us view their gardens and for their descriptions to aid our guesses. Congratulations to Anne Parry-Smith who correctly identified them all. Thanks too to Ron for taking the time to put together such a wonderful visual quiz.

The club next meets on 8th November for a seasonal talk from Peter Walker. He will be inspiring us with Winter Wonders and December Delights. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the village hall and both members and visitors are most welcome.

Kirsten Newble, 892425
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

La Pipelette (Chatterbox)

L'été indien

Bonjour a tous,
L'école a à peine commencé que les vacances arrivent. On est tous excité.

Avec le soleil qui nous a fait la surprise de nous accompagner plus longtemps : un été indien.

Un dernier dimanche à la plage et puis, le lendemain, le froid de l'hiver qui vient.

Le froid qui annonce Noël et les décorations de Noël qui sont déjà partout dans les magasins. On va commencer à se préparer pour les fêtes qui arrivent, à décorer les maisons avec des lumières pour réchauffer notre esprit.

Et aussi bientôt nous aurons le feu d'artifice pour « Bonfire Night ».

Enfin, avec la rentrée, tout le monde a repris ses activités sportives et cela va nous tenir chaud.

On annonce de la neige, pour Noël c'est bien. Après l'été indien, l'hiver polaire. Brrrr...

A bientôt.

Coffee morning at Nichols Court

CAN I please say many thanks for the excellent support for the Macmillan coffee morning held on 3rd October at Nichols Court. A grand total of £657 was raised by this event.

There were stalls selling jewellery, cards, handmade blankets and delicious cakes.

An enormous raffle was held and we are grateful to local shops and businesses for donating prizes.

Lovely background music played by Laurence Wood on his keyboard made the event even more pleasurable.

My thanks goes to everyone for their generosity and help on the day.

Bel Griffiths

How about a Linton calendar?

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The Friends of St Mary the Virgin
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ARE you thinking of sending presents overseas? Then a favourite for friends and relatives is the Linton calendar produced by the Friends of St Mary's each year. Copies are now ready at £6 each.

Also available are some new cards, tea towels, aprons and bags. All easily packable.

For further information please contact me.

Monica Clarkson
892988

Enjoy yourself at fashion night

AFTER last year's successful Glamour and Glitz night, Linton infant school PSA are staging a fashion show on Friday 25th November at Linton infant school to raise valuable funds for the children.

This year will be purely a fashion show and beauty parlour – the perfect night to get ready for all those Christmas parties with work and friends.

Alternatively it's a great evening to relax and catch up with friends over a glass of your favourite tipple. There

will be a raffle and a bar open all evening.

The evening will start at 7.30pm for 8pm, tickets £7 or £6 for a table of 10 including a free glass of fizz.

All the retailers involved are local independent retailers in Saffron Walden with new retailers coming on board all the time.

For more information or tickets, please contact natalie.morris@tesco.net or Brooks Dress Agency Saffron Walden.

Natalie Morris

Last recommended Christmas posting dates

INTERNATIONAL surface mail: **Tuesday 8th November:** Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland.
Tuesday 22nd November: Western Europe

International airmail:

Monday 5th December: South and Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East (including Japan), Australia and New Zealand.

Friday 9th December: Eastern Europe, USA and Canada

Monday 12th December: Western Europe.

UK: **Wednesday 14th December** standard parcels.

Saturday 17th December: second class and recorded signed for.

Tuesday 20th December: first class and recorded signed for.
Wednesday 21st December: Parcelforce express 48.

Thursday 22nd December: Parcelforce 24 – special delivery, Packet/letters.

Saturday 17th December: second class

Tuesday 20th December: first class

Christmas stamps will be available from Tuesday 8th November.

Bank of Scotland, Natwest and Ulster bank customers are now able to draw cash and do an account balance at Linton post office.

POT POURRI (80)

How many books are needed?

AN interesting thing was noticed in a bookshop in Cambridge recently – the assistant had placed some books (all the same size paperbacks) on the table, such that the first book overhung the table's edge to the maximum extent without falling.

She then placed some more books on top, again such that each one overhung the one underneath to the maximum extent without causing the pile to fall.

It was noticed that the topmost book overhung the edge of the table - but only just. What would be the minimum number of books stacked to have the overhang seen of the topmost book? (Consider the centre of gravity and dimensions of each book exactly the same and overhang was along the books' length).

Solution to 79 - The in-between ball size?

The size of smallest ball that lies between and touches the other two balls is 9x less than the large ball. It is as well to remember that curvature is the reciprocal of the radius, which is required to determine size.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shopping event in Abington

THERE will be an autumn shopping event from 3pm–7.30pm on Thursday 17th November at Great Abington school. It will bring together a collection of local traders who will be selling a range of high-quality gifts, crafts and foods at competitive prices. Stalls will include hand-made wooden items, toys, jewellery, home accessories, bags, children's gifts, gardening gifts, books, cakes, decorations and much more. Entry is free so come along and avoid the crowds of Cambridge. For more information, please contact Tasha Whittaker on 893680 or Jenny Logan on 891897.

Alert for all dog owners

ATTENTION all dog owners: Seasonal Canine Illness (SCI) is the name given to a mystery disorder which is associated with woodlands in Norfolk and Suffolk between August and November. Afflicted dogs collapse with diarrhoea and vomiting and the mortality rate is 20%. It does not affect humans. The Animal Health Trust is conducting research and there is information on its website, www.aht.org.uk, including a list of the locations that have been implicated, and you can sign up for updates.

Gift fair at Farmers market

THE farmers' market is holding a gift fair to complement the market on 5th November. It will be quite small but with some nice items such as original illustrations, bags, children's books, handmade cards and jewellery.

Bingo helps football club

LINTON Granta Football Club proudly presents a weekly cash bingo evening with bar and raffle – every Monday at the pavilion, doors will open at 7pm with eyes down at 8pm. All welcome.

Christmas exhibition at the Darryl Nantais gallery

IN the build-up to our 10th anniversary and Christmas exhibition, we are delighted to introduce you to this new collection of paintings by Brian Seymour. We will be delighted to welcome you to the gallery to see his paintings on display.

Once again, alongside our mixed exhibition of artwork and gift ideas, our Christmas exhibition will feature beautiful handmade original Christmas decorations to give as gifts or to enjoy in your own home.

The gallery is open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 3pm and Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

Karl Backhurst, 891289, www.nantais-gallery.co.uk

Xmas Factor repeat

AFTER the success last year of the Xmas Factor, we are repeating the event at 7pm on 11th December in St Mary's. The carol competition is open to all individuals, choirs, readers and musicians of all sorts and ages. Details from Linda Bird, 141 High Street, Linton 893600 or email lindabird@waitrose.com

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All that is required to enable this service to be used is a residential telephone line, which will be shared by the Lifeline equipment. Friends and family can be alerted immediately in an emergency by the wearer pressing the button on the pendant provided – a message will be conveyed to named contacts by our 24-hour service centre.

There is a one off installation charge of £18 and a hire charge of £4.08 weekly, which includes maintenance of the equipment. An information leaflet and relevant forms are available online or can be obtained from the Community Lifeline Service at our offices in Cambourne:

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South Cambridgeshire District Council,
South Cambridgeshire Hall,
Cambourne Business Park,
Cambourne,
Cambridge,
CB23 6EA.

www.scambs.gov.uk

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the Community Lifeline Service further please contact:

Jane Poole or Sheila Sneezum on 01954 713470 or
Mandy Downs on 01954 713468

Anyone for chess?

CHESS is one of the world's oldest games. There are more books written about chess than any other game. There are many things that make chess unique.

On the chess board you can see exactly what your opponent is doing but at the same time you are unable to keep your own strategy secret. All the moves are decided by the players themselves, not by the throw of a dice or the turn of a card.

Complicated chess positions are not easily understood by the non-expert. On the other hand, learning to play chess is not difficult (young children often play very skillfully).

It is easy enough to learn in a few hours, but complex enough to be enjoyed for a lifetime. The subtleties of chess are vast: if you succeed in taking all of your opponent's pieces you should win but even under these conditions you might only draw. On the other hand a chess game can be won or lost without a single piece leaving

the board. Although there is plenty of good advice on how to handle a chess game at any particular stage, the annoying (but interesting) fact is that there are exceptions to almost any advice you may have been given. This is one of the things that make chess such a fascinating game. Playing chess is very good training for the brain. It is disappointing that nowadays fewer people seem interested in learning the game.

Linton chess club has existed for more than 30 years and its teams have done very well over the last few seasons. We play against stiff opposition with teams from Bury St Edmunds and Cambridge amongst others but we would like some more members. If you are of a good standard you might well fit into one of our teams. If you are a novice we would be delighted to see you. Members would spend time with you to help you raise your game. Please contact the secretary:

David Barnicoat, 893509

Youth club has support from parish council but would like your help too

YOUNG people in year 7 are welcome to attend the local youth club from 6.30-7.30pm and those in year 8 and above can attend from 7.45-9.00pm. We have pool, table tennis, table football, Wii, games, music, sports, crafts, tuck bar and much more, all for £1 per session! If you would like more information, please contact Sharon on 07824 820465.

Do you have a hobby or skill that you could share with young people? We are looking for keen volunteers to help out on Thursday evenings. If you are interested, please contact Sharon on 07824 820465. We will need to complete a CRB check for this position.

The locality team and Linton youth club staff and young people would like to thank Linton Parish Council for their financial support, which enabled the youth club to remain open last term and this coming term.

Sharon Punchard, Lead Youth Support Worker
Connexions, Sawston and Linton Locality Team

Local warden schemes

THE Safer Homes scheme, linked to Age UK Cambridgeshire, was formed some five years ago and covers Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.

The idea of the Safer Homes scheme is, by use of interventions such as banisters and grab rails, to keep older people safe in their homes. People can self-refer without the need for a doctor's letter, etc. After an initial visit, the client and the assessor agree what interventions might be useful. Second stair banisters, extra support in toilets, bathrooms, showers etc, are the most common improvements – and the works are usually carried out within two to three weeks. There is no charge, although donations are welcome.

We cannot undertake gardening work or major building projects, but can usually signpost the client towards a remedy.

For further details contact Terry Thompson on 01480 700205 or 07979 045538.

The community warden (or mobile warden) scheme provides support to older people in Linton helping them live independently in their own homes.

The warden makes frequent contact by telephone or in person, to check on well-being and help avert problems. She can help with shopping, light jobs, collecting prescriptions and library books, provide information, guidance and general support. The service can be on an ongoing basis or for short periods during illness or following hospital discharge.

Managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire, it is open to Linton residents aged 60 or over, and is a confidential, professional service. If you or someone you know are interested please contact Venetia, your community warden, on 07931 852019.

Terry Thompson

Health centre asks your views

WOULD you like to be involved in decisions about the services we provide at the health centre? If so, we are setting up a Patient Reference Group which will enable you to give your views and help us set priorities for the future. You would initially help us to set the questions for a patient survey and then later to discuss the results and plan for the future.

We anticipate using e-mail as the main form of contact but if you don't use e-mail then pen and paper is still in use. To sign up, please ask for a form at reception or have a look at our website www.linton.gpsurgery.net. We are really keen to have all ages represented, so do please think about how you can be involved.

Sheila Griffiths (Practice Manager)

Have you lost your bike?

ON Tuesday the 27th September a member of the public found a very new child's mountain bike (possibly a boy's) and a cycle helmet near the pavilion and bowling green on Linton recreation ground. The cycle was there from 9.30am to 4pm at which point the member of public reported it to the police and put it in safe storage. It has now been booked in at Sawston police station. The cycle was for the age group of about six to 10 years of age. If you know who has lost this cycle please contact us as soon as possible. A description of the colour of the cycle and helmet will need to be given.

PCSO Leanne Fisher
linton.npt@cambs.pnn.police.uk
0345 4564564

In your own time...

NADINE Mueggler, our new Linton pharmacy manager, was born in St Gallen, near Lake Constance, in Switzerland. She obtained her Masters degree in Pharmacy from the University of Basel in August 2010 and then came to England to join her English partner, Jefferson, who is a scientist working for a company on Granta Park. Nadine told me it was difficult while she was studying because they had to do a lot of commuting to be with each other.

It took Nadine a few months to obtain registration to practise as a pharmacist in this country. She then did some locum work in Cambridge until she drove past the Linton pharmacy and decided to ask Deepa if she needed a locum. Deepa was delighted as she wanted to reduce her hours and rang Nadine the next day offering her the managerial position. She worked with Deepa for two months, starting in March,

and Deepa now helps out when there are a lot of prescriptions to dispense. Nadine tells me that she is passionate about the job and loves being able to help people or guide them in the right direction. She thinks all the people she has met in Linton are very friendly.

Obviously Nadine has to work long hours, but when she goes home she loves to cook, having been inspired by her cookery teacher mother. Every evening she and her partner cook a delicious meal. Nadine is also passionate about orchids and loves growing them.



Nadine loves her new job and helping out the local community

Picture by Georgina Page

She has a very fine specimen in the pharmacy, which I, in my ignorance, thought was made of silk. She is also an avid reader, her favourite author being Tess Gerritsen, a doctor who writes forensic stories.

Georgina Page, LNT

Footballers needed

THE Aztecs U13 team was formed in 2004 and the current league squad is managed by Mick Linsdell. Gavin Woodley is the assistant manager and goalkeeper coach, and Russell Griggs is the squad coach.

The squad are competing for 2011/12 in the FA Cambridge and District Colts League and have made an encouraging start to the season by winning their first four league games so far.

We are looking to build our squad further so if you have experience in playing league or school team football, or are interested in training with the U13 squad this season please email info@aztecsjfc.co.uk to get in touch.

For further news on the club, please visit our website www.aztecsjfc.co.uk

Mick Linsdell
mllinsdell68@gmail.com

Christmas shoe boxes

I AM a schools youth worker and volunteer for our local Christian youth club IMPACT. Over the last few weeks our young people have shown a passion about making a difference in the third world developing countries and a heart to make a change.

At our regular youth group IMPACT which happens on a Monday evening, the young people held a packing party and invited their friends to get involved too. They wrapped and filled over 100 shoe boxes in one evening, the shoe boxes left over I then took to the junior school to the year 6 youth club. We spoke about the developing countries, facts and statistics. Some of which were eye openers and made us realise just how much we have and take for granted and how much other children in the developing countries have....being close to nothing.

Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple but hands-on project that has the power to transform children's lives.

We hope that we have made a difference in a few people's lives.

Maybe you would like to fill a shoe box too? If you are interested, details can be found at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/

Nicole Tweed, Schools Youth Worker,
Beacon Community Trust



The children from IMPACT with some of the 100 shoe boxes they filled and wrapped for children less fortunate

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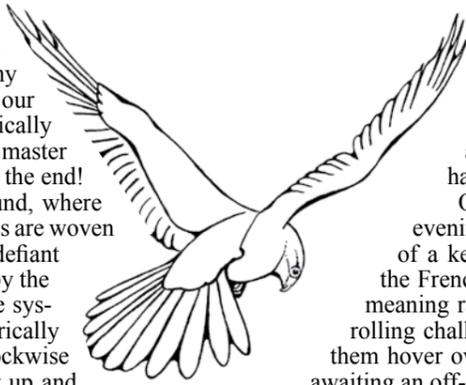
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LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais
Illustrated by Maureen Williams

Life, line and the Kestrel

A BIRD flickers and flops to ground behind rows of leathery trunks standing testimony to geometrical inclinations of man. Lit by shards of light beneath a diminishing canopy of lime and oak the blown, fallen leaves draw in the dusty soil. Back in my garden a huge yet humbly complex sunflower head turns and shyly bows. Through the eyes of Van Gogh patterns are everywhere! Is our destiny to imitate the natural world when putting our heads to design? Is nature so mathematically sound and pure, hailing Fibonacci the master blueprint? Not I, a free-thinking rebel to the end! However, I spy the ordered articles around, where cubes and squares abound, even the fabrics are woven in patterns. There's no chaos here says the defiant waving arms at any would-be maverick by the dreaded clock! Tick tock its crystal pulse systematically beats so beautifully and numerically orchestrated and tuned to the murder of clockwise corvines after a day following the linear up and down of the farmer's plough.



something remarkable, perhaps intentional? It has softened its harshness of great engineering by subtle blends of colour, texture and sound, so much so at times the geometry is hardly noticeable, leaving eyes rested, ears soothed and minds calmed by absolute beauty.

In contrast there's a need to quell the now horrendous drone of the A1307, each vehicle, like a bow playing spicatto on the string road of an upright bass valley. Having once lived by the North Sea – yet behind a double row of thick evergreens one could hardly hear crashing waves just feet away.

On the far northern side of our village the still evening air was sliced by the shattering kek kek of a kestrel. The name incidentally derived from the French word crecerelle being similar to crecelle meaning rattle. These birds absolutely love Linton's rolling chalky hill, hedgerows, lanes and fields. Watch them hover over trees or with their backs to the by-pass awaiting an off-guard vole or mouse. No doubt that flash of fine double-cropping weather results in more available quarry, yet some say 'a harsh winter lay ahead' so until next month, stock and profit from abundant berries.

By wood or wild river we absorb a sense of revival. Far from our demanding numbers and computations the natural world does

Cambridgeshire NHS helps you to choose well this winter

NHS Cambridgeshire is asking people to Choose Well if they need medical attention this winter. Choose Well is a national campaign which helps people find the most appropriate care. Self-care is the best choice to treat very minor illnesses and injuries which can be treated at home by combining a well-stocked medicine cabinet with plenty of rest. Ensure your

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Chilford Christmas and new year parties

JUST a reminder about the parties on at Chilford Hall over the Christmas period.

Saturday 10th December, Chilford Christmas party night with Nicole Lawrence.

Friday 16th December, Chilford Christmas party night with Nicole Lawrence.

Friday 23rd December, Chilford Christmas party night with Nicole Lawrence.

Saturday 31st December, New Year's Eve after dinner party with Nicole Lawrence and live band.

Saturday 7th January 2012, late Christmas party with Nicole Lawrence.

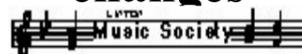
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Lisa Thake

Recital changes



THERE are a few changes to Richard Uttley's piano recital from that published in this season's brochure. He will now play music by Haydn, Grieg, Liszt, Debussy and Britten, all with the theme of travel. This promises to be a popular concert and a memorable evening at Linton village college, 7.30pm on Saturday, 19th November.

Linda Bird

First Linton Scout Group is short of leaders

SCOUTING in Linton is still going strong. At the beginning of the school holidays the cub pack went away on their annual camping weekend and a great time was had by all.

The scout section had a week-long camp at Cambridgeshire's international camp, CAMJAM 2011 at Huntingdon racecourse, where there were over 2,500 scouts with over 25 troops from around the world.

Camping is, and always will be, one of the most popular activities in scouting and we like to attend as many camps and other district activities as possible but it is getting more difficult with a shortage of leaders. Although we have a strong group with over 60 young boys

and girls we are finding it harder to attract leaders and helpers. We are indeed fortunate in that Barry Holman, Group Scout Leader and Beaver Leader, has given over 25 year's service. Sean, the Cub Scout Leader and Robin Williams, the Scout Leader, both over 23 year's service. We rely heavily on parents and helpers. Beavers currently have one leader and one helper, cubs have two leaders and two helpers and scouts have two leaders.

If you feel that you could give some time to the children of the village we would love to hear from you. Please contact Barry Holman on our website at www.lintonscouts.co.uk

Barry Holman

News from the Bell Tower

WE are one match away from completing this year's Gipson Trophy striking competition and are likely to end up in fifth place out of six. Although this may not seem like an achievement we have regularly fielded a team which included some of our younger and less experienced ringers and I think we would all agree that we have learned a great deal from ringing at other towers.

We are delighted that Sue and Charlotte Ellis are back, although we have now lost Charlotte to university once more and we wish her well for this year. We are grateful to have gained another Sunday morning ringer, Henry Bennett, who joins us when he can.

Six of us took part in the Cambridge district outing to Bedfordshire earlier this month, a fine outing to five towers which was organised by our very own Lyn Clackson.

As always, if you are interested in learning to ring, please call me or just come along at 7.30pm on any Wednesday evening to see what goes on in the tower, and don't forget that bell ringing is open to all - you do not have to be a churchgoer.

Jackie Latham, 890898

Update on Lintonian, Frederick Stock

I WROTE in the Linton News in July 2007, about two Linton men who emigrated to New Zealand in 1874.

I often wondered what led up to them setting out on such a hazardous journey. I know what happened to Frederick Stock after he got to Wellington on the third and final voyage of the sailing ship Berar. I am in contact with his relations. The puzzle is that William Day boarded the ship but wasn't listed as amongst the 23 that had died of scarlet fever or as having landed.

Farming in Britain was at an all time low, following years of wet summers. What little grain was being produced was not enough to pay the workers a fair wage. This was not helped by cheap wheat being imported

from Canada. The local cottage industries such as boot-making plaiting straw and dressmaking were undermined by factories producing cheaper goods. A lot of people moved to larger towns and cities. Many men had joined the National Union of Agricultural workers. When times became hard the farmers wanted to pay them less money. Union members were locked out by the farmers. They had to rely on benefits of nine shillings a week paid by the union.

Funds were running out, and the union approached the New Zealand government, who at that time were charging £5 per person for the journey. They reasoned that if the fare was free and the government could assure them that immigrants

would be treated well and jobs found for them on arrival there would be more people taking up the offer. This was agreed. The second time the immigrant ship the Berar arrived in Auckland; in 1873 there was no official to receive them. All they could learn was that there were barracks in the city where they could be quartered with rough pine bunks and no partitions for families. They were given tea and dry bread. The next day raw potatoes and meat were handed out with only one stove to cook for 300 people. Many of the men and some of the young women went to bars. Some single girls did not return that night. The New Zealand Herald feared for their safety.

Les Stock

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BY the time this edition of the Derbyshire Post is published we should have moved into the new facilities. Our reception will be towards the middle of the site and from that point we have access to new office spaces, a staff common room and work area, the upper and lower school common rooms and the amazing cylindrical library. Phase 2 will then have been completed. Our work is far from done, however.

Back in 2003, when Clive Bush was the Principal at LVC, the Local Authority struck a deal with the College Governing Body. In return for agreeing to allow Granta Special School to be sited on some of the LVC playing fields, the Local Authority agreed to a building plan for our school which would do the following: replace the Vic Hallam buildings, improve the sports facilities, create a coherent design across the site which was in keeping with the 1937 listed building and remove the need for the mobile classrooms by building new ones.

When I was appointed, the LA turned this into a three phase building programme. Phase 1 and 2 are now finished, but in 2010 I was informed that there would be no funding for phase 3 as capital funding for school buildings had been cut. This leaves us stuck with an incomplete building schedule and a number of mobile classrooms.

When we converted to academy status in 2011, a glimmer of hope returned: the government was inviting bids for building work from a centrally-held government pot. With our own plans at an advanced stage, we felt sure of success, only to be told that our building had too many art deco-style features in it to qualify for the per metre square unit funding that was available.

So a new local campaign starts: let's get our LVC phase 3 building work completed and rid the site once and for all of its mobile classrooms. Our community deserves better and our students deserve better.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Brand new fitness suite

THE LCSC fitness suite has been in need of updating for some time now and finally it will be given the facelift it deserves.

Now seems like an apt time to thank all of those regular users and members who have stuck with us over the past year (and beyond), we really do appreciate your support and hope that the refit will go some way in showing our appreciation.

Works will include: Current resistance and CV equipment will be replaced with the latest range.

Carpet will be replaced with hard floor.

Fitness suite will be re-

decorated.

This does mean that the fitness suite itself will be closed for around a week in December whilst work takes place. However, the result of this will be a brand new and refreshed area that we hope members can be proud of.

We are currently finalising details but will keep you informed of progress and closure dates etc. via info at the sports centre and also our website.

To access our website please visit www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk

You can also email any questions to lcsc@lvc.org or call us on 890248



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/1719/11 Discharge of conditions of details of condition 8 of planning permission, Erection of dwelling and summer-house. S/0613/11 Marc Schulz, re Land R/O 26 Back Road.

S/171911 Mr Ian Wood, 14A Back Road, Single storey front and single storey rear extensions.



The Way We Were by Garth Collard

German Prisoners of war in Linton

NOW is the time that villages hold remembrance services to commemorate the dead of two world wars, especially World War I.

Linton parish council erected a memorial to the 47 Lintonians who had died in that conflict and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission set aside an area in the cemetery for the burial of war veterans who died as a result of their wounds.

On April 3rd 1918 Stephen Cottage, who was badly wounded in July 1917 and discharged from the army, died at his home in Horseheath Road. Stephen was buried in a grave on the reserved area at the top of the cemetery, the only grave in the area. His father Harry, a widower, had lost two other sons in the conflict.

A German prisoner of war (POW) camp housed about

100 men in two large huts on the car park site of Symonds House. Later that same April two German soldiers at the



The gravestone of Stephen Cottage whose father did not object to the German soldiers lying beside his son.

Picture supplied by Garth Collard

on either side of Stephen Cottage. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission paid the parish council ten shillings a year for maintenance.

Many Lintonians were outraged and the Cambridge press was inundated with letters condemning the burials. The Linton vicar, the Reverend Ernest Edwards, stood firm and reminded the objectors that it was a Christian duty to forgive and honour the dead.

The Linton objectors were silenced by Harry Cottage, who had lost so much, standing by his Christian beliefs and publicly declaring he had no objection to the two German soldiers lying at rest next to his beloved son.

In the early 1970s the two Linton prisoners were re-buried in the German cemetery at Cannoek Chase.

Sponsored walk enjoyed by all the students at LVC



Pictures supplied by Tony Kelly

If you had been wandering on the footpaths around Linton and Hildersham on Friday 7th October, you would have been in for a big surprise. In fact, you might have had to pinch yourself to believe what you were seeing. The sunny autumn countryside became a riot of colour as Scooby-Doo and the Smurfs, Superman and Snow White, and assorted pirates, princesses and furry animals went out for a walk.

The reason was the Friends of Linton village college sponsored walk to raise funds for the new student common rooms (see the Derbyshire Post article). This was the first time that the whole school has walked together during a school day, and there was a lovely atmosphere as over 800 students and teachers joined together to hike 11km (seven miles) across the fields to Hildersham and back via the Roman Road and Rivey Hill.

Thanks to the generosity of parents and friends, more than £5000 was raised. The funds will allow the school council to furnish the new common rooms, where students will relax at lunchtime and between lessons. Just as important, the walk took students and teachers out of the classroom to enjoy some healthy exercise in the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside, smiling and chatting along the way.

Tony Kelly tony.kelly@lvc.org

Autumn workshops at LVC

AS part of their Adult and Community learning programme the community business department at Linton village college has the following workshops scheduled for the Autumn term.

- 10am – 12.30pm, 5th and 12th Nov: Trampoline.
- 10am – 4pm, 12th Nov: Life drawing and portraiture.
- 10am – 2pm, 19th Nov: Sugarcraft-Modelling for Christmas.
- 10am – 4pm, 19th Nov: How do writers find ideas? Writing for publication.
- 10am – 4pm, Nov: Floristry-flowers for gifts.
- 10am – 4pm, 19th Nov: Digital photography.
- 10am – 4pm, 19th Nov: Colour, style and makeup.
- 10am – 4pm, 17th Dec: Floristry-Christmas arrangements.

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Parish Council Matters

Allotments

Parish Council Matters is written, edited and published by the Parish Council with the support of the Linton News Team.

THIS is the short version of the full statement from Linton parish council on the allotments – October 2011. The full statement can be viewed at www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk or a copy requested from the parish council office.

Current situation and proposed land

The search for allotments has been well documented through the Parish Council Matters over the last few years with requests for land, updates and also the initial meeting of the allotment working party all being detailed. Since the Allotments Act was invoked by residents of the village in 2007 the parish council has been actively seeking a site for allotments.

In June 2010 a new landowner was identified. Tim Lamb, and his sister, are co-owners of the majority of the field (nearly 21 acres) behind houses on Back Road to the north of the village on Rivey Hill. The landowners were willing to negotiate with the parish council, for the land to be used for allotments and recreational space. The allotment working party was informed and they asked the parish council to obtain seven acres for allotments, as long as the land was proved to be fit for purpose.

The land is currently leased to the Fairey family, under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986. This states that a notice to quit can only be served on the tenants if the land is required for purposes other than agriculture, and that this would need to be done with a 'change of use' by planning permission.

In the summer of 2010, the parish council met Mr Charles Fairey and explained the wishes of the parish council to obtain the land for allotments and recreational space, the willingness of the landowner, and asked for his co-operation in the matter, being the sitting tenant. An agreement was not reached.

The parish council discussed this issue at length, and agreed to purchase the lower seven acres of the field for allotments as the first priority, and also try to lease the remaining 14 acres for recreational use for the village. Seven acres was necessary so that the 48 people who had already expressed an interest in an allotment could be accommodated, as well as any other residents that may want one. This would cater for 84 plots, but two acres would be lost to buffer screening, a small car park/drop off point and trackways, so only 60 full-size plots could be made available. The remaining 14 acres would help with the shortfall of recreational land previously identified.

Many issues needed sorting before terms could be agreed including:

Planning Permission: Planning permission was required on the whole 21 acres for 'change of use', so that the notice to quit could be served on the tenants. The planning application required knowledge of the owner of the proposed access ... the bridgeway. This information was not forthcoming, and was only discovered after an initial planning application was posted. A solicitor of the Fairey family then wrote stating that they owned the bridgeway. The parish council immediately withdrew the application, but the information for any future application was now in the public domain.

Water source: Although there was an option for a water pipe to be laid to the field from a new development close by, this was turned down as no terms had been agreed. The pipe could then run to the south west corner of the field only, and the cost increased dramatically from an initial £1000 to nearly £14,000. The allotment association has looked into drilling a bore hole on the land, and preliminary investigations are favourable. The cost of drilling a bore hole is about £5,000, and running costs obviously much less. The environment agency has no objection to a bore hole.

Suitability of soil: The parish council commissioned an analysis of soil samples for suitability for allotments, as there has been much concern that the soil was unsuitable.

This report confirms that this site is suitable for allotments. The soil will need some initial work and nutrients added, but this is usual practice when establishing a new allotment site.

Parking: The parish council is very aware of the problems concerning parking. A small area would be needed to allow set down and pick up, including two disabled parking spaces, but vehicles would need to park elsewhere. The county council own a wide verge to the west of the telephone exchange, and initial discussions suggest possible parking there for up to 12 vehicles. British Telecom has been contacted and is unwilling to sell or lease their car park at the telephone exchange.

Access: This would be via the bridgeway next to the telephone exchange. The county council has confirmed that they would not object to this being used, as long as certain conditions are met, including that the bridgeway up to the allotments entrance is resurfaced to minimise noise and stop stones and mud being displaced onto Back Road. This resurfacing upgrade needs permission from the owners, the Fairey family. The parish council has received a letter from a solicitor representing the Fairey family, stating that they ... 'would strongly resist through all appropriate legal channels any proposals to commission such an upgrade.'

The situation going forward

It was always going to be difficult to resolve everything so that the notice to quit could be served by 29th September 2011.

The statutory duty of the parish council is to provide the land for allotments; it does not have to consider suitability of soil, or other problems. This parish council would not consider it appropriate, or indeed morally correct, to simply provide the land and not care about whether it was 'fit for purpose'. This parish council understands and will try to address the concerns raised by residents, particularly the access and parking situation, should the proposal go ahead.

The land currently being considered for allotments is the **only** land actually being offered to the parish council, and therefore is the only land the parish council can consider at this moment.

The parish council is available to talk with any other landowner who might have suitable land available. Otherwise, if the seven acres of land is deemed fit for purpose, the parish council will seek to secure it for allotments for Linton.

The parish council is very aware of the parking situation and the problems the allotments might cause, should this proposal go ahead, and it is a priority to minimise traffic congestion around the site. It is also very aware of the visual impact it may have on surrounding residents and the overall view, and there are plans in place for 'buffer zones' and planting around the allotments site where necessary.

It is the responsibility of the parish council to obtain 'best value' for the village and residents. Details of any financial arrangements/transactions will remain confidential between the parish council and its solicitor, and the landowners and their agent, until such time as the parish council feels it appropriate to release the information into the public domain. This is to keep the financial aspects secure until settlement has been reached, and to protect the negotiations from third party interference (this has occurred previously when trying to secure land). The parish council will seek the best deal for the village. By purchasing the land, the parish council will secure the land for the village, for future generations, and ensure that development will not take place there. The current owners of this land have not put forward proposals to develop this land for housing, unlike many of the other landowners with fields bordering Linton.

The parish council will help secure land for allotments and help with initial costs, such as tree/hedge planting for buffer zones, rabbit-proof fencing and water supply, but it is expected that after two years the allotments society will be self-financing. It is

Calling all Linton based community groups ...

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anticipated that rents received will fund ongoing costs or needs, and cover fees to the parish council for the site. Rents for each plot holder will be decided by the allotment association.

The parish council feels that the issue that has the potential to stop this whole proposal would be whether vehicular access can be secured to the allotments via the bridgeway. The Fairey family have made it very clear, via their solicitor, they will 'strongly resist' any attempt by the parish council to resurface the bridgeway as required by the county council. Very soon the allotment association will have to decide whether such access is essential for the site to be 'fit for purpose' and inclusive for all. If the association decides access is a requirement, the parish council will seek legal advice on how best to proceed, looking at the options, and whether the parish council should contest the right to resurface the bridgeway, with all the costs that this entails, or whether the whole proposal should no longer be considered viable.

Should the parish council obtain the seven acres for allotments, it will also seek to secure the remaining 14 acres for recreational land. District council officers are fully involved and very supportive of the idea, advising on potential layouts and projects, not only for the 14 acres but for the allotment site also. The officers at the district council have already sent a couple of draft plans back to the parish council, which are available to view at the parish council office. Before any final decision there will be full public consultation on how the space could be used.

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Strategic housing land availability assessment - call for sites

THE sites proposed by landowners for the strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA) have now been published. Please refer to the parish council minutes and the South Cambridgeshire district council website for details. An article on the SHLAA, and how it might affect Linton, will be published in next month's Parish Council Matters.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 15th September 2011.

Present: R Hickford (chairman), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, Ms M Mannassi, G Potter, Mrs A Walker and Mrs S Parry (clerk). District councillor Mrs T Bear was in attendance together with four members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from councillor Wilson and county and district councillor Batchelor.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September: The county council had confirmed that they would remove the disabled parking bay no longer required outside 17 High Street following the resurfacing work. However it had accidentally been re-instated. The post would now be removed.

Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues: Discussion took place on the South Cambridgeshire crime and disorder partnership parish consultation and it was agreed to forward any comments to Cllr Champion who would complete the questionnaire on behalf of the council.

Cllr Cornell reported that large lorries delivering to the Co-op were blocking the High Street causing buses etc to be delayed. Cllr Champion confirmed that he had spoken to the manager of the Co-op and asked that cones be put out to ensure that parking was available for them. There were also problems with large lorries parking outside Sweet Talk News.

Reports from the district councillors: South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) had confirmed the termination of their monthly housing surgery in the village. Cllr Bear agreed to inform the Linton News.

Correspondence received for discussion and decision: Mr Walker had provided a business plan for new play equipment on the recreation ground. He would be meeting with Kompan to discuss ideas, costs and suitability and report back to council. The chair thanked him for his support and work in respect of this project.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 6th October 2011.

Present: R Hickford (chairman), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, B Manley, Ms M Mannassi, G Potter, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was in attendance together with five members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from councillor Cox.

Disclosure of interest: Cllr Champion declared a personal interest under the strategic housing land availability assessment item as the owner of a property close to a possible development site. Cllr Dew declared a prejudicial interest under the Sanctuary Housing, Nichols Court, Flaxfields item as the owner of a property adjacent to the site. Cllr Walker declared a personal interest under the allotments item as an employee of Camgrain Ltd.

Public participation: A resident spoke against the proposed allotment site in Back Road.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September: Cllr Champion commented on the crime and disorder reduction pro forma and reported that during the six months ending 31st August there were 24 reported crimes of criminal damage and 31 reported incidents of rowdy and serious anti-social behaviour. These had been included in the response in addition to speed enforcement on the A1307 and in particular from Horseheath Road to the 40mph sign approaching the High Street. Since the figures had been published there had been several more criminal damage reports to vehicles, including one where youths had jumped on the roof of a car parked on owners drive causing considerable damage.

Reports from co-ordinators: Open spaces and environment: Despite the request that no trees be planted on the open space in Parsonage Way during this dry period they had been planted.

Recreation ground: a) Proposal: That a black Baltic vandal proof litter bin (£217) be purchased and installed adjacent to youth shelter. A vote took place with six votes in favour, five votes

against and one abstention. Proposal carried. b) Consideration of quotation to install seats and litter bin on recreation ground. The clerk reported that despite seeking three quotes only one quotation had been received. A vote took place with eleven votes in favour and one abstention to accept the quote from R F Goodwin for £695.00+VAT. Mr Goodwin had carried out work previously on the recreation ground which had been very satisfactory.

Venture playground: The clerk reported that there had been an arson attack on the skateramp. CCTV footage had been handed to the police. Repairs had already been carried out. Barry Easton, St Mary's youth worker, had contacted the council confirming that he had a list of volunteers willing to dig a trench to lay a cable to the skateramp. A new lamp post and plastic piping were required, prior to this work being carried out, and would be sourced by Cllr Potter.

A1307, traffic and recreation ground parking: A minor works form should be completed for all requests for yellow lines etc and would be considered. Cllr Hickford was concerned with the number and speed of cars driving to the pavilion on Monday evenings to the bingo session. Those present at these sessions should be reminded that they should park at the village college.

Consideration of the responses to the consultation on a 20mph speed limit: 25 responses had been received in favour of the implementation of the 20mph limit with only one against. Council agreed that although enforcement might be an issue, a reduction of the speed limit should be considered. Cllr Cornell proposed that council approaches the county council to request implementation of a 20mph speed limit around the whole one-way loop. Cllr Gee seconded the proposal. A vote took place with ten votes in favour, one vote against and one abstention. Proposal carried. Cllr Cornell then proposed that council approaches the county council to request implementation of a 20mph speed limit from the junction of the High Street and the A1307 to the junction of Coles Lane. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald. A vote took place with seven votes in favour, four votes against and one abstention. Proposal carried. Any other comments received during this consultation would be answered by the traffic working party.

Consideration of a footpath winter maintenance programme: Cllr Potter reported that he and Mr Tofts had attended a training session run by the county council. Only those who had received this training were insured to carry out footpath gritting. They must also wear the fluorescent jacket provided for insurance purposes. The council would be offered a hand held gritting machine. Decisions needed to be taken as to which sections of footpaths should be prioritised for gritting.

Filling of casual vacancy: Cllr Walker proposed that Ms Rosie Keen be appointed to the council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Cornell proposed that Mr Dan Penfold be appointed to the council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting. A vote took place and Mr Dan Penfold was duly elected for co-option.

Consideration of the strategic housing land availability assessment: Cllr Bald reported that she had attended the parish forum meeting where it had been reported, to the shock of all those present, that the district council was identifying potential housing sites for inclusion in the new South Cambs development plan which would be subject to a public consultation next summer. Sites to be included in Linton were:

- 1 Horseheath Road: 10-11 houses and flats with associated play area.
- Land south of Wheatsheaf Way and Horseheath Road: 160 dwellings.
- Land to the north of Tower View and Balsham Road: approx 235-350 dwellings with public open space.
- Land to the east of The Ridgeway and north of Bartlow Road: approx 15-25 dwellings with public open space.
- Land to the east of Linton (and north of Horseheath Road): approx 80-130 dwellings with public open space.
- Land to east of Linton (land south of Bartlow Road): approx 45-70 dwellings with public open space.

Land east of Linton: 250-750 dwellings (subject to detailed design, site investigations, consultation and capacity assessments) with public open space and allotments.

Land east of Station Road: approx 50 dwellings.

Land adjacent to Back Road: 250 dwellings with public open space.

Land adjacent to Balsham Road: 85 dwellings.

Land adjacent to Horseheath Road: 165 dwellings.

Land to the north and south of Long Lane and east of The Grip: 50-100 dwellings.

Land north of Cambridge Road: 120-170 dwellings with potential for extension to recreation ground.

Discussion took place regarding the unsuitability of many sites, including lack of infrastructure, water, jobs and other vital aspects. In particular, the problems associated with the A1307. It was agreed to request a meeting with Keith Miles, planning policy manager at the district council, to discuss the problems and issues.

Written reports from council representatives: Report on parish forum meeting of 28th September by Cllr Bald.

Planning application S/2256/10 Sanctuary Housing, Nichols Court, Flaxfields - external lighting on and around the existing building/site consisting of lighting columns, bollards and wall mounted fittings - additional information.

Those present were reminded that the lighting plan had been omitted from the original planning application, so the council was not able to comment. As noted, including in the NEP lighting consultancy report and the report of health and environment (June 2010), this lighting level was considered inappropriate and some as being a nuisance - the council had questioned why, when confirmed by environmental health, this was not immediately enforced. The nuisance and inappropriate lighting had been allowed to remain, affecting both residents and neighbours.

Following a hearing at the South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) planning committee meeting on 11th May 2011, it was the requirement that Sanctuary should meet SCDC officers, SCDC councillors, Linton parish council, neighbours and residents to discuss the lighting, and reach an agreement within six weeks. Sanctuary had consistently declined to meet with the parish council and neighbours. Changes to the lighting scheme application had been recommended by the lighting expert from SCDC, after consultation with the council, residents and an officer from SCDC. Their response was that they would not consider changes to their current planning application lighting scheme which had arrived some three months late.

Correspondence received for discussion and decision: Two residents had written querying why the report of the public forum on 1st September had read 'Three members of the public raised their concerns regarding the council's proposal for allotments and recreational land off Back Road.' And had not been reported in more detail. The clerk had contacted Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CPALC) for clarification on reporting of the public forum. CPALC had confirmed that there was no need to note the name of a speaker unless specifically requested. Minutes should be concise and not verbatim, concerns should be dealt with under correspondence and all responses should be in the public domain.

Reports from councillors (for information only): Cllr Champion reported that the Ombudsman had upheld Mrs Mele's complaint on the grounds that SCDC failed to inform concerned parties of their proposed actions to resolve the issues that were affecting neighbours living in the vicinity. The Ombudsman has stressed that SCDC should write a letter of apology to Mrs Mele.

Police had recently confiscated alcohol and cigarettes from underage youths in the village. Earlier in the week the police had carried out a successful drugs raid. The police would target road safety, criminal damage, inconsiderate parking outside schools and high visibility of a police presence outside schools to reduce hooliganism.

Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council office.

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